

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

TABASUM QUBAD,

Case No.: 2:25-cv-01253-APG-EJY

Plaintiff

Order

V.

FARMER BROS. CO., et al.,

Defendants

8 Defendants Farmer Bros. Co., Brewmatic Co., and Brewmatic International removed this
9 action from state court based on diversity jurisdiction. ECF No. 1. The plaintiff's complaint
10 names all three as defendants. ECF No. 1-1 at 2-3. The defendants' certificate of interested
11 parties states that Farmer Bros. Co. is a citizen of Delaware and Texas and that the two
12 Brewmatic entities do "not exist as . . . separate entit[ies]." ECF No. 3 at 2. The certificate of
13 interested parties thus does not identify their citizenship. But the defendants' petition for
14 removal states that "Brewmatic Co. and Brewmatic International are subsidiaries of Farmer Bros.
15 Co. and were incorrectly named as individual parties." *Id.* at 2. Subsidiary companies are
16 usually separate entities subject to suit individually. *See, e.g., Ranza v. Nike, Inc.*, 793 F.3d 1059,
17 1070 (9th Cir. 2015) ("As a general principle, corporate separateness insulates a parent
18 corporation from liability created by its subsidiary, notwithstanding the parent's ownership of the
19 subsidiary."). The petition for removal does not otherwise explain why these entities were not
20 properly named even if they are Farmer Bros. Co.'s subsidiaries.

Because it is unclear whether the Brewmatic defendants are separate subsidiary entities as described in the complaint and in the petition for removal, or something else (perhaps “doing business as” names), I order the defendants to explain the relationship among these entities and

1 to support their position that the Brewmatic defendants were not correctly named as parties in
2 this case such that their citizenship is irrelevant for purposes of diversity jurisdiction.

3 I THEREFORE ORDER that by July 31, 2025, the defendants shall file a response that
4 explains the relationship among them as well as any support for their position that the Brewmatic
5 defendants are not properly named in this case. If the defendants are separate entities, then the
6 defendants must file a corrected certificate of interested parties that identifies the citizenship of
7 each defendant for diversity purposes.

8 DATED this 14th day of July, 2025.

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10 ANDREW P. GORDON
11 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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